

# Charter

## Emergency Management Council Seismic Safety Committee

### **Purpose:**

Prepare and submit to the Emergency Management Council (EMC) statewide strategies, policies, and recommendations that address the seismic threat through mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery activities. This will be established through a collaborative effort and consensus of committee members representing stakeholder organizations across the state.

### **Objectives:**

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To serve as the EMC's focus group for all activities related to seismic safety:

- (1) Identify and promote existing state, local and regional mitigation initiatives that model implementation of committee advocated strategies;
- (2) Coordinate the development of a statewide strategy for educating, mitigating, planning and responding to the threat of seismic events. Review the Seismic Safety Committee's A Policy Plan for Improving Earthquake Safety in Washington – Fulfilling Our Responsibility, December 1, 1991 as a baseline reference;
- (3) Promote an effective and coordinated mechanism to assess and disseminate risk and threat information;
- (4) Identify resource opportunities to include but not limited to funding, equipment, staffing, and technology. Recommend appropriate lead agencies or entities for specific seismic issues;
- (5) Provide a forum for general coordination and the exchange of information among federal, state, local, and private entities;
- (6) Recommend legislation and policy changes to improve and enhance statewide seismic safety;
- (7) Develop a method for an annual assessment report of statewide implementation of seismic safety improvements, deficiencies and needs to the EMC using a consistent format and method;
- (8) Evaluate and prioritize recommendations on the basis of cost-benefit to the life safety, property, environment, and economic vitality of the state.

### **Committee Organization:**

#### **Membership**

1. Department of Natural Resources – Geology & Earth Resources – State Geologist
2. Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
3. Association of Washington Cities
4. Washington State Association of Counties
5. Department of Transportation
6. Emergency Management Division
7. University of Washington - State Seismologist
8. Washington State Emergency Management Association
9. Office of Community Services – Growth Management
10. EMC Representative – Building Officials
11. Department of Health
12. Department of Ecology
13. Washington Association of Hospitals

14. Cascadia Region Earthquake Work Group
15. Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
16. Office of the Insurance Commissioner
17. American Society of Civil Engineers
18. Structural Engineers of Washington
19. Washington State Patrol
20. Washington Public Ports Association
21. State/Local Tsunami Work Group
22. Federal Emergency Management Agency Region X
23. USGS
24. NOAA/PMEL
25. Infrastructure Assistance Coordinators Council (IACC)
26. Department of Information Services
27. Office of Financial Management Policy & Budget
28. Association of Washington Businesses
29. County Road Administration Board
30. Other entities as the EMC may designate from time to time
31. Washington PUD District Association

### **Committee Guidelines:**

- The committee will function under the direction of the EMC and in accordance with its by-laws.
- The committee will meet monthly or as needed, to make decisions, provide guidance and propose statewide seismic policy.
- Membership and other appropriate sources will provide staffing and support for subcommittees formed to work specific functional areas. A more permanent staff support plan may be developed.
- Options to appropriate funding for the committee will be examined including the use of federal grants, state general funds, and/or a combination of funding from the participating agencies.
- Committee will advise EMC and carry out other functions as the EMC may direct.

